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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have made any efforts on research and manufacturing of cheap and qualitative medicines in order to make the country self reliant in the field of life saving drugs; and

(b): the action plan of the Government alongwith the production of medicines to maintain quality and certification to check the circulation of spurious medicines ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)
(a) and (b): The Drug Policy of the Government is directed towards ensuring abundant availability of drugs at reasonable prices.The Government has set up in March, 1999 a Pharmaceutical Research and Development Committee with a view to recommend measures to strengthen the research and development capability of the pharmaceutical industry in the country and to identify the support required by the Indian pharmaceutical companies to undertake domestic R&D.The Committee has submitted its Report to the Government.
Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules thereunder, the enforcement of quality control of drugs and pharmaceuticals is regulated by the respective States.